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REFS: (A) JAKARTA 4856 (NOTAL); STATE 90290; (C) GENEVA 2936; (D) STATE 282739

1. REQUEST POST ASK GOI HOW THEY PLAN TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF USSR OBJECTION. ALSO REQUEST INFORMATION ON GOI ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE FREQUENCY PROBLEMS WITH USSR. A LOGICAL DECISION POINT ON LAUNCH WILL OCCUR WHEN SATELLITE IS MATED TO LAUNCHER ABOUT 27 OR 28 MAY. DELAYS AFTER THAT TIME WOULD CAUSE SEVERE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FOR NASA.

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2. FYI. INDONESIAN OPTIONS APPEAR TO BE:

A. CHANGE SATELLITE POSITION-- WOULD CAUSE MAJOR EXPENSIVE MODIFICATION TO-GROUND STATION AND RE-REGISTRATION.

B. DELAY LAUNCH UNTIL PROBLEM RESOLVED -- VERY COSTLY AND NO INDICATION OF HOW OR WHEN PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED.

C. OPERATE UNDER PART 115 OF RADIO REGS -- WOULD MEAN

OPERATION ON SUFFERANCE BASIS. IF USSR SHOULD COMPLAIN OF INTERFERENCE THEN GOI WOULD HAVE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THE INTERFERENCE, INCLUDING SHUTTING DOWN. GOI HAS TWICE STATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO OPERATE UNDER PART 115 TO PRESIDENT OF IFRB.

D. ACCEPT THE UNFAVORABLE FINDINGS. REGISTRATION WOULD THEN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH A FOOTNOTE NOTING USSR OBJECTION. OPERATION WOULD BE THE SAME AS UNDER PART 115 AS REGARDS USSR BUT WOULD PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION FROM FUTURE REGISTRATIONS.

E. MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM WITH USSR.

3. (SECRET). USSR SATELLITE STATIONER I DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE OPERATING. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DESTABILIZED BUT WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. HOWEVER, SINCE THEN ALL SIGNALS INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING HAVE STOPPED. END FYI. ROBINSON

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